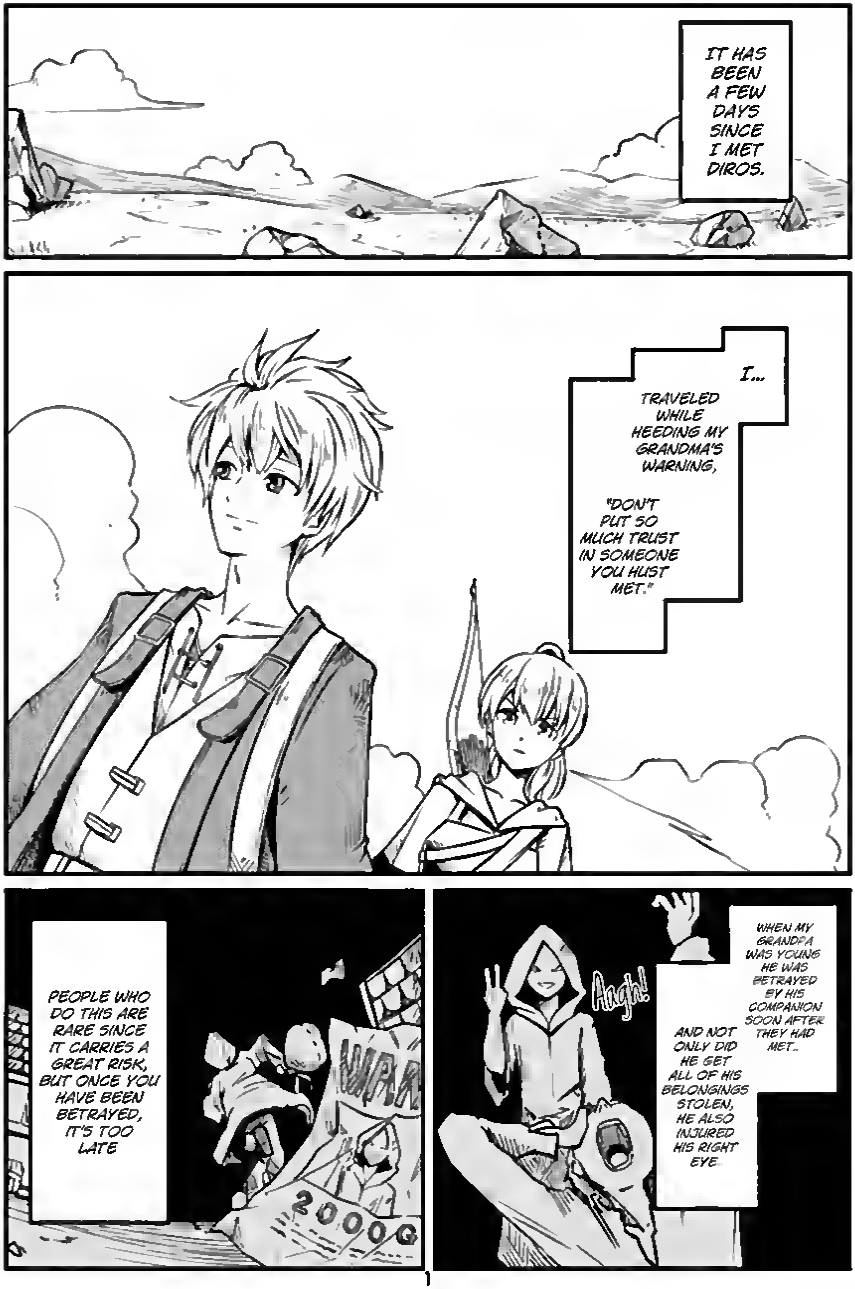
FROM FANS TO FANS. CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE AUTHOR ONCE THE ORIGINAL VERSION IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY.


IT HAS BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE I MET DIROS.
I... TRAVELED WHILE HEEDING MY GRANDMA'S WARNING, "DON'T PUT SO MUCH TRUST IN SOMEONE YOU JUST MET."
PEOPLE WHO DO THIS ARE RARE SINCE IT CARRIES A GREAT RISK, BUT ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED, IT'S TOO LATE
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Augh!
WHEN MY GRANDPA WAS YOUNG HE WAS BETRAYED BY HIS COMPANION SOON AFTER THEY HAD MET..
AND NOT ONLY DID HE GET ALL OF HIS BELONGINGS STOLEN, HE ALSO INJURED HIS RIGHT EYE.

UNTIL I AM CERTAIN I CAN TRUST HIM, I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.
LET'S CAMP HERE FOR TODAY.
SURE
ALWAYS KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR BELONGINGS! SUCH CAUTION IS NECESSARY FOR AN ADVENTURER
ALRIGHT I'LL GO FIND SOME WOOD FOR THE FIRE
AH, SORRY ABOUT THAT... THANKS..
THE WORLD OF ADVENTURERS IS HARSH...
DONE
WH-?
DON'T JUST LEAVE YOUR BELONGINGS!!

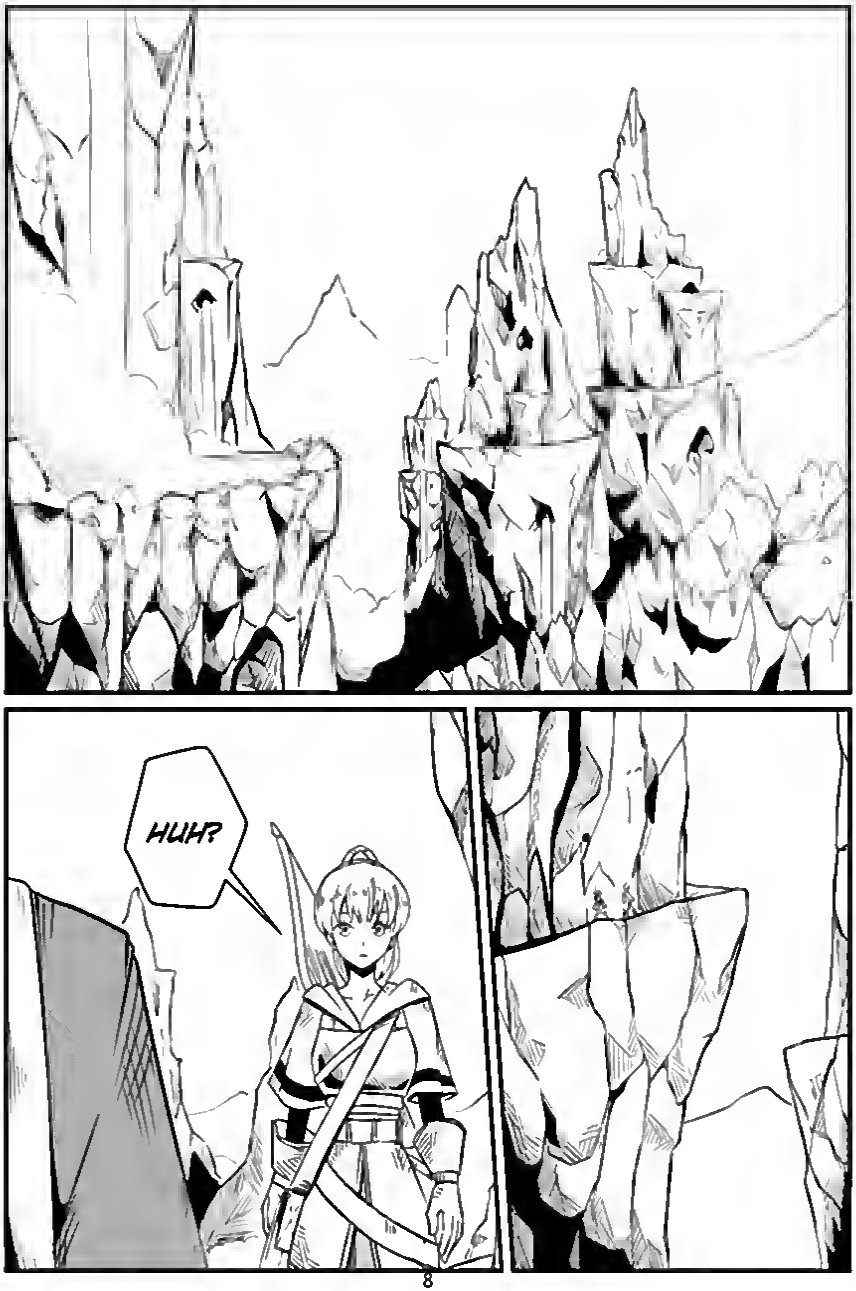
BY WHOM?
BY ME!
THAT'S TOO CARELESS! WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THEY WERE STOLEN?
HA HA
AREN'T YOU LAUGHING TOO MUCH?
WUSH
You? Ha ha ha! As if you would steal them! Ho ha ha!
WUSH
WELL, I WON'T, BUT...
I MEAN I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SEE?
NOT REALLY...
I'M BEING SERIOUS HERE!
EH? YOU WERE GOING TO STEAL THEM?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT! I MEAN, LOOK, NORMALLY YOU'D BE MORE WARY, RIGHT?!

SORRY... SINCE YOU ARE MY FIRST COMPANION, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO SUSPICIOUS.
AH
THIS IS HOW ADVENTURERS SHOULD BE, HUH
SIGH
NOT AT ALL. SINCE YOU ARE A NOVICE ADVENTURER, I THINK IT'S GOOD TO BE CAREFUL.
YE
YOU KNOW...
I HAVE EXPERIENCED MANY THINGS, SO I BELIEVE I CAN TELL WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO DECEIVE ME...
I AM A HERO, AFTER ALL.
IF I THOUGHT YOU WERE THAT KIND OF PERSON, I WOULD NOT HAVE TRAVELED THIS FAR WITH YOU.
...I SEE.
I SEE... HE ALREADY TRUSTED ME...
WELL, THAT'S THAT. I'LL GO GET THE WOOD FOR THE FIRE, ALRIGHT?
ALRIGHT

I SEE. SO THAT'S YOUR REASON FOR HEADING TO EIRONLINK.
YES
WHY ARE YOU HEADED FOR EIRONLINK, DIROS?
I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO MY OWN COUNTRY. THERE IS A ROAD LEADING TO IT FROM EIRONLINK.
THIS WILL WARD OFF PREDATORS.

ANOTHER COUNTRY, HUH...
NO, I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH MY FRIEND
SO YOU'RE NOT FROM THIS COUNTRY?
YOUR COUNTRY?
S-SY... WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS YOUR COUNTRY, DIRDS?
EH... LET'S SEE...
IT WAS PRETTY WRECKED IN A CONFLICT WITH MAGICAL BEINGS
OH...
THERE WAS A CONFLICT BETWEEN HUMANS AND MAGICAL BEINGS IN MY COUNTRY AND...
BECAUSE OF THAT, ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES WERE DAMAGED
S-SORRY FOR MAKING YOU REMEMBER!
DON'T WORRY, IT DOESN'T MATTER... THE FIGHTING IS OVER NOW.
I SEE.

I SEE THEN YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURNING?
YES
SO I'M SURE THEY HAVE ALREADY FINISHED REBUILDING AND MADE A BETTER COUNTRY THAN BEFORE
ALSO, THE CITIZENS ARE ALL STURDY
OUR DESTINATION IS STILL FAR OFF, AND A DEGREE OF CAUTION IS NECESSARY, BUT..
I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THAT'S NOT EVERYTHING THERE IS TO ADVENTURING
BECAUSE OF WHAT DIROS SAID, I WAS ABLE TO RELAX.
I'M FINE IF IT'S SLOW, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TRUST MY COMPANION MORE...
AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I'LL ALSO DO MY BEST TO EARN HIS TRUST.
SAY, WHAT ARE MAGICAL BEINGS?
ARE THEY DIFFERENT FROM MONSTERS?
EH? YOU DON'T KNOW?
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THEY ARE INCREDIBLY STRONG AND DANGEROUS LIVING BEINGS.
THAT'S TOO SIMPLE!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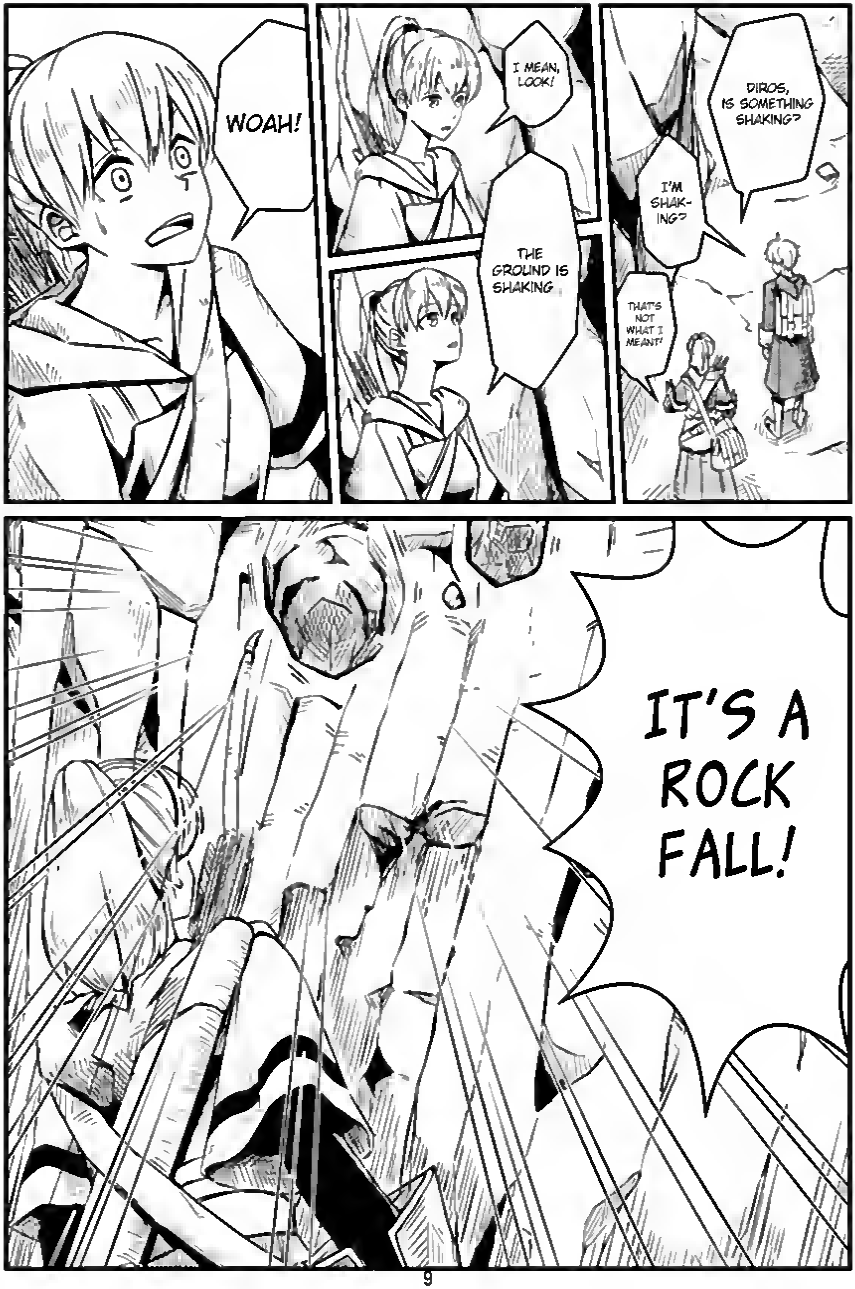
DIROS, IS SOMETHING SHAKING?
I'M SHAK-ING?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I MEAN, LOOK!
THE GROUND IS SHAKING
WOAH!
IT'S A ROCK FALL!

SFX WHAM
YIKES!
ACARIA, HURRY!! GET OVER HERE!
ONE MORE STEP AND I WOULD HAVE DIED!
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WUAAH!
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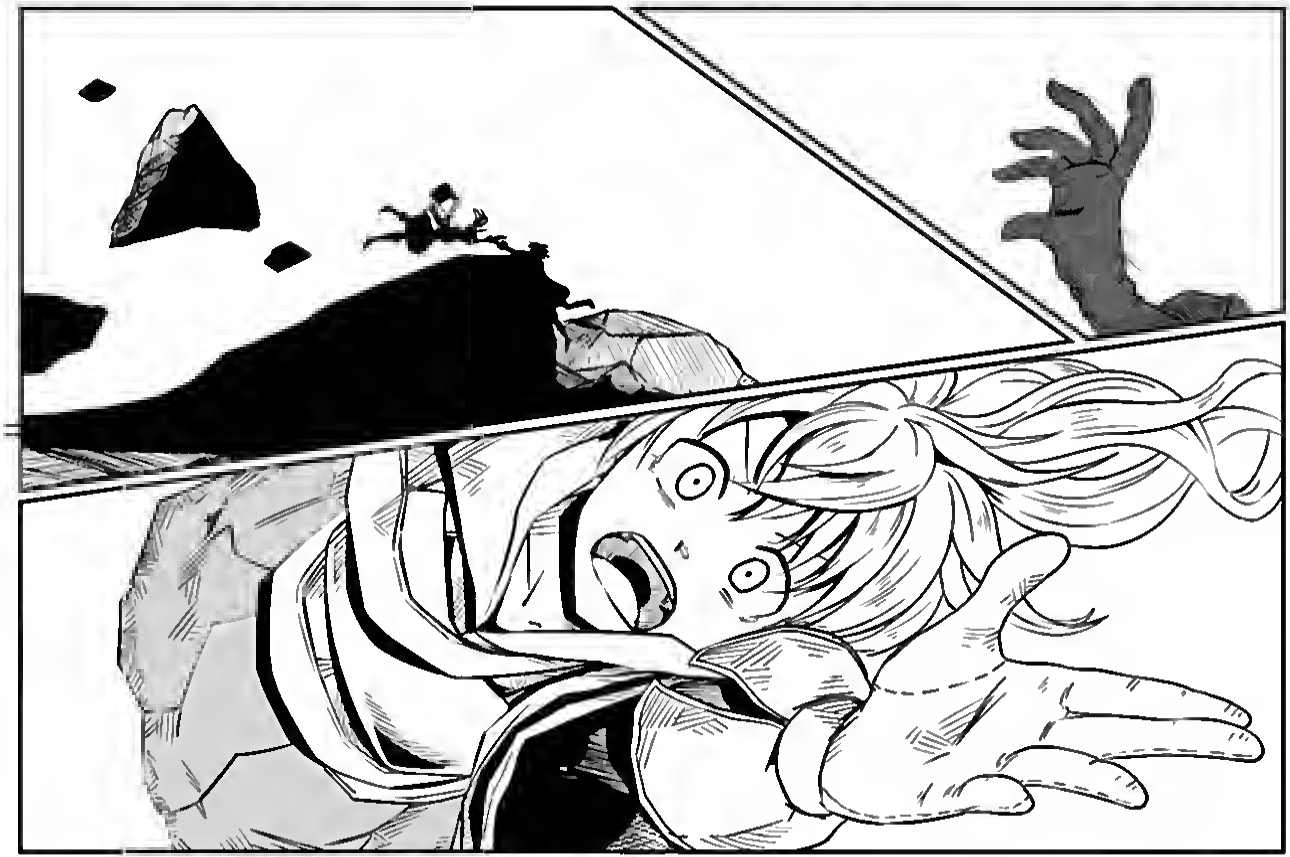
ACARIA!
EH?
SFX SLIDE



THANK Y-...
WHEW...
SFX: BUMP BUMP
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WOOOAH! ANOTHER ROCK IS COMING!!
EH?

I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW! HURRY UP AND RUN!!
OOH...
HOP
EH?!

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SFX: SPLASH
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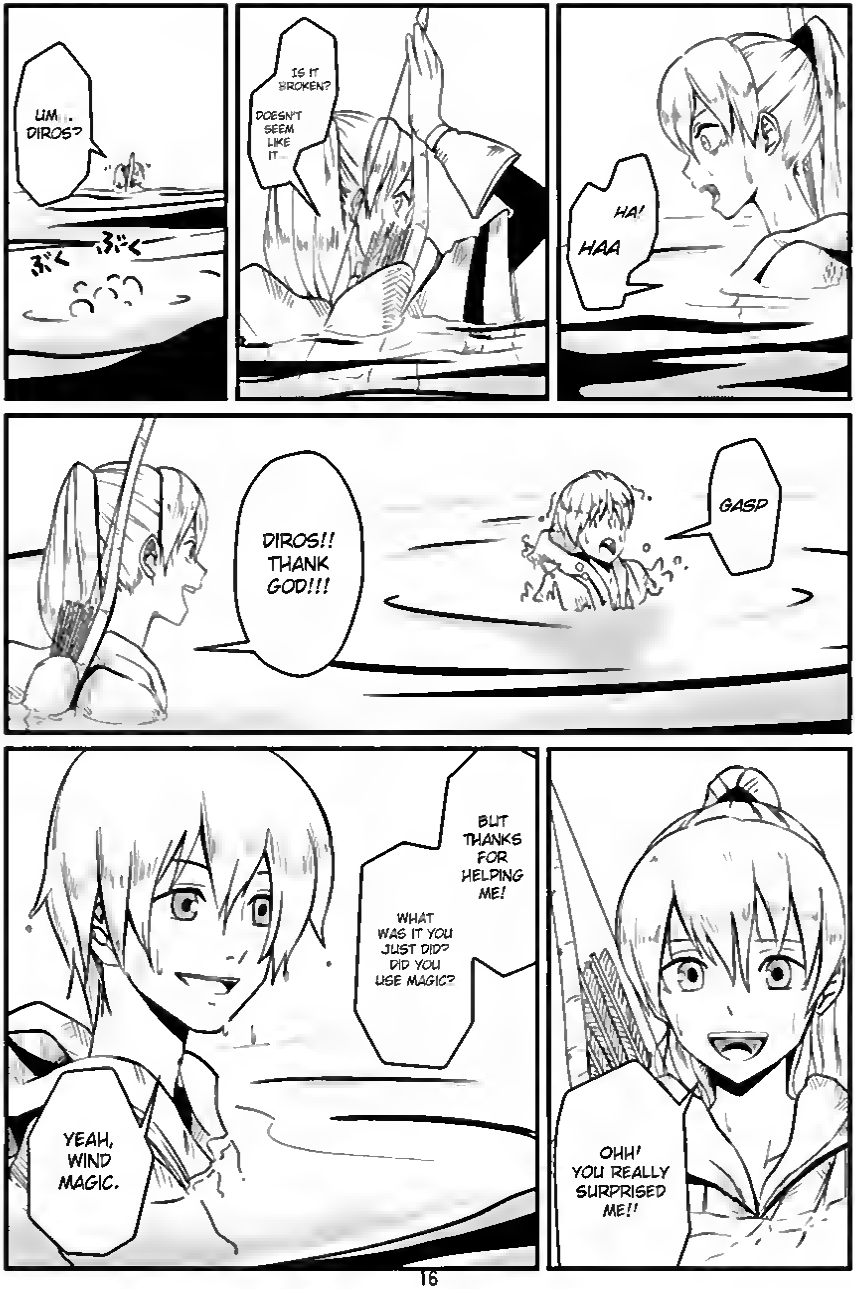
UM.. DIROS?
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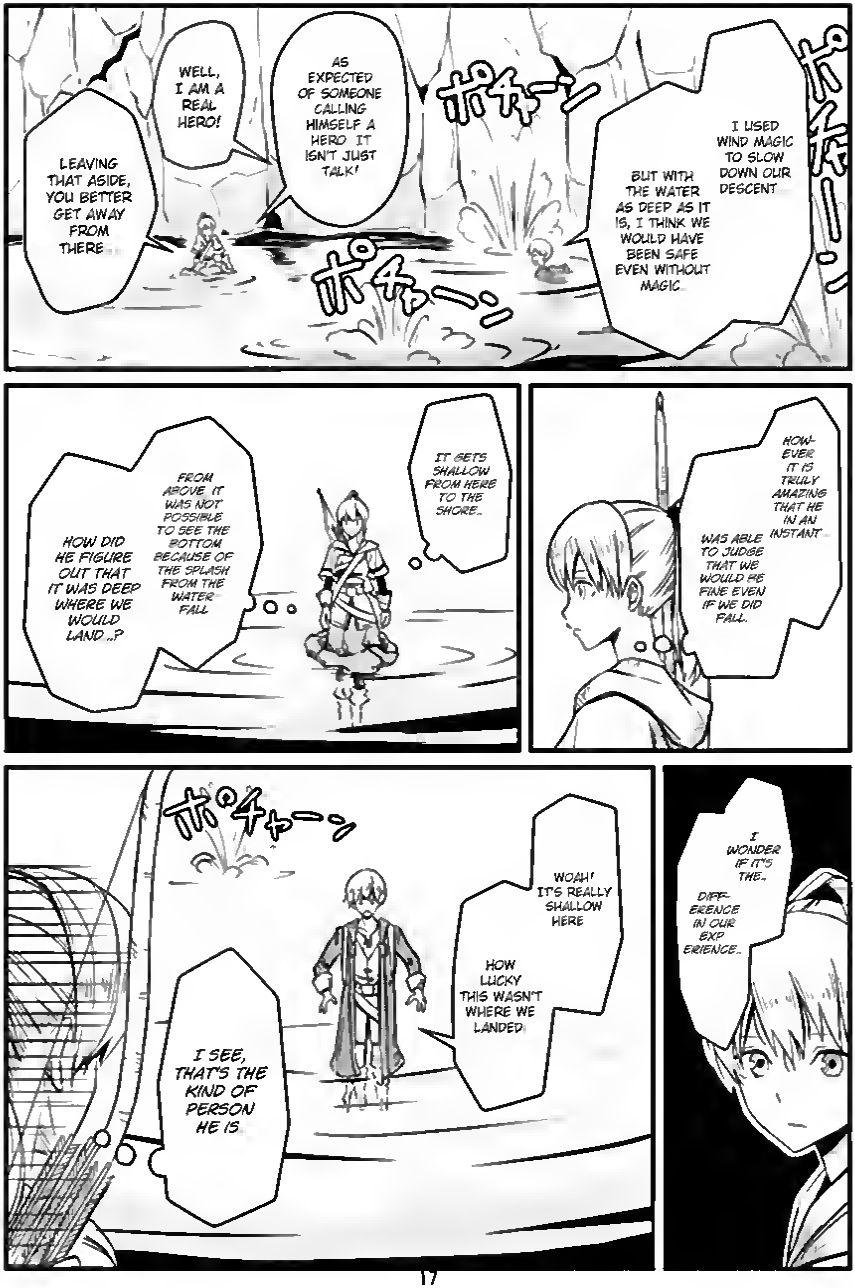
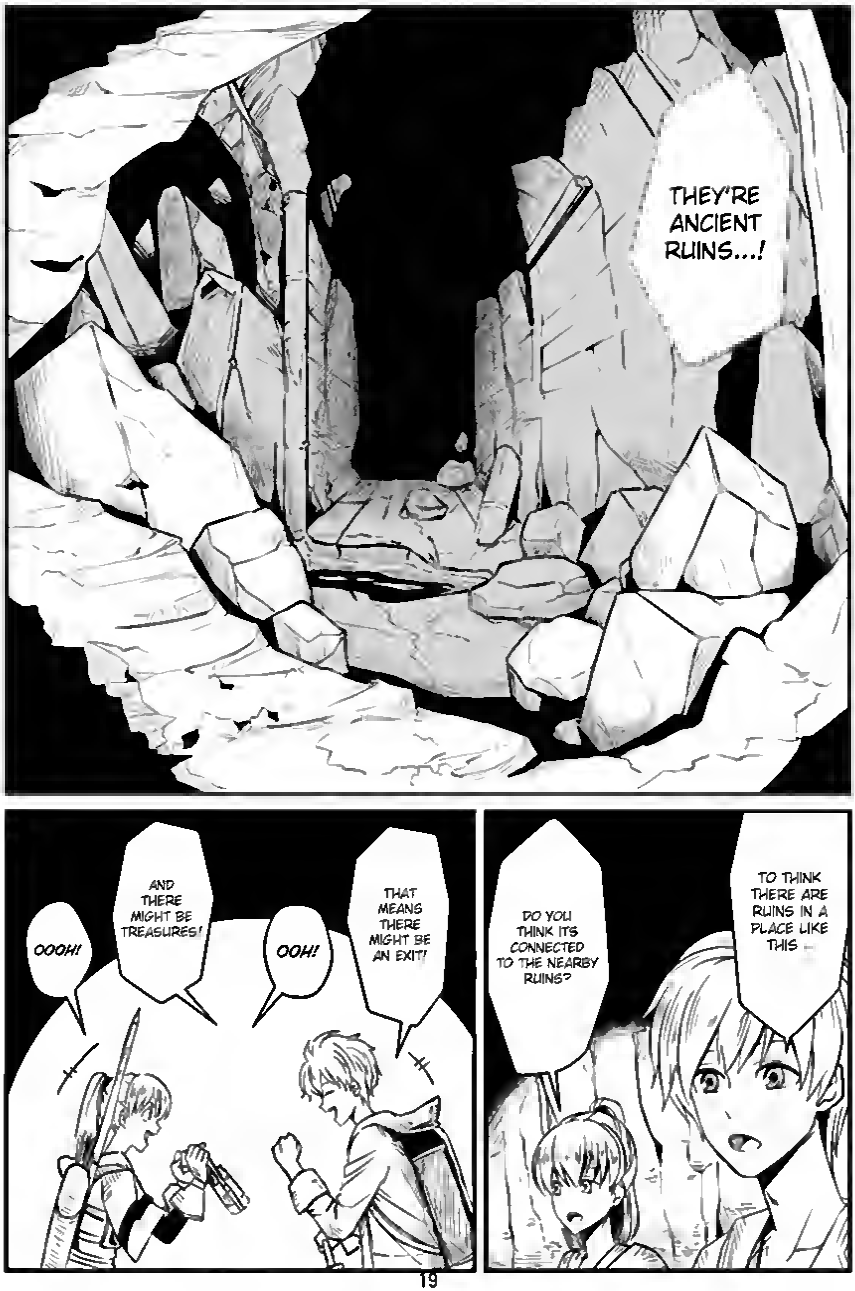
IS IT BROKEN?
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT..
HA! HAA
GASP
DIROS!! THANK GOD!!!
BUT THANKS FOR HELPING ME!
WHAT WAS IT YOU JUST DID? DID YOU USE MAGIC?
YEAH, WIND MAGIC.
OHH! YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME!!


I USED WIND MAGIC TO SLOW DOWN OUR DESCENT
BUT WITH THE WATER AS DEEP AS IT IS, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAFE EVEN WITHOUT MAGIC..
AS EXPECTED OF SOMEONE CALLING HIMSELF A HERO IT ISN'T JUST TALK!
WELL, I AM A REAL HERO!
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, YOU BETTER GET AWAY FROM THERE..
HOW-EVER IT IS TRULY AMAZING THAT HE IN AN INSTANT WAS ABLE TO JUDGE THAT WE WOULD BE FINE EVEN IF WE DID FALL..
IT GETS SHALLOW FROM HERE TO THE SHORE..
FROM ABOVE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE THE BOTTOM BECAUSE OF THE SPLASH FROM THE WATER FALL
HOW DID HE FIGURE OUT THAT IT WAS DEEP WHERE WE WOULD LAND ..?
I WONDER IF IT'S THE.. DIFF-ERENCE IN OUR EXP-ERIENCE..
WOAH! IT'S REALLY SHALLOW HERE
HOW LUCKY THIS WASN'T WHERE WE LANDED
I SEE, THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON HE IS

AREN'T WE GOING TO DRY OUR CLOTHES?
SHOULDN'T WE BUILD A FIRE?
ATCHOO!
WHAT'S WITH THAT WORTHLESS ADVICE...?
AFTER A SITUATION LIKE THIS ONE...
MY FRIEND ONCE GAVE ME THE ADVICE TO ALWAYS SNEEZE...
OOH?
ACARIA, COME SEE THIS
MORE IMPORTANTLY... HOW MUCH FARTHER DO YOU THINK THIS CAVE GOES?
I THERE IS A WAY OUT SINCE IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO TRY TO CLIMB THE CLIFF
YEAH...
WOAH
WHAT IS IT?


THEY'RE ANCIENT RUINS...!
TO THINK THERE ARE RUINS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS —
DO YOU THINK ITS CONNECTED TO THE NEARBY RUINS?
THAT MEANS THERE MIGHT BE AN EXIT?
OOH!
AND THERE MIGHT BE TREASURES!
OOOH!

SFX BAM
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WHA- WHAT WAS THAT?
A MONSTER, DON'T YOU THINK?
IT COULD ALSO BE OTHER ADVENT- URERS
THAT'S RIGHT... I FORGOT THERE WERE MANY MONSTERS IN ANCIENT RUINS
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT THAT THEY ARE MONSTERS
DIROS, YOU SURE ARE SWAYED EASILY...
To be continued